Threat of Closure of M IMS

3672. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister ofHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported threat of closure of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences as a result of transferring the powers to conduct Common Entrance Test (CET) from MUHS to Director of Medical Education and Research (DMER);

(b) if so, the details of the problem faced by the MUHS;

(c) the details of the action plan proposed for effective and efficient working of the MUHS; and

(d) the details of action taken/proposed on the pending proposals of the MUHS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) As per information received from the Government of Maharashtra, the Director of Medical Education and Research, Mumbai, has been appointed the competent authority for conducting the Common Entrance Test (CET) because the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik is facing the problem of inadequate manpower sufficient infrastructure for the same. The Government of Maharashtra has provided Rs. 10.20 Crores to Maharashtra University of Health Sciences during the last three years and a provision of Rs. 3.18 Crores has been made in the current year's Budget Estimates. The University has also been allotted land for construction of building.

District Mental Health Programme

3673. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister ofHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a District Mental Health Programme is under operation since 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have proposed to increase the number of districts as well as State under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The District Mental Health Programme under the National Mental Health Programme launched in 1996-97 on

a pilot basis and is presently being implemented in 25 Districts spread over 20 States and Union Territories. More districts will be covered under the programme on the basis of willingness of the State/Union Territory Governments and availability of funds. A Statement showing details of the Districts/States where District Mental Health Programme is being implemented is annexed.

Statement

Details of Districts/States where District Mental Health Programme is being implemented

State/District/Nodal Institute
Andhra Pradesh :
Medak Distt.—Instt. of Mental Health, Hyderabad Vizianagaram Distt.—Govt. Hospital for MentaJ Care, Visakhapatnam
Assam : Nagaon and Goalpara Distts.—Guwahati Medical College—NE
Rajasthan : Seekar Distt.—SMS Medical College, Jaipur
Tamil Nadu: Trichy, Ramanathapuram and Mudurai Distts—Institute of Mental Health, Chennai.
Arunachal Pradesh : Naharlagun Distt.—Govt. Hospital, Naharlagun—NE
Haryana: Kurukshetra Distt.—Pt. BD Sharma PGIMS, Rohtak
Himachal Pradesh: Bilaspur Distt.—I.G. Medical College, Shimla
Punjab: Muktsar Distt.—Medical College, Amritsar
Madhya Pradesh: Shivpuri Distt.—Manasik Arogyashala, Gwalior
Maharashtra: Raigad Distt.—Instt. of Mental Health, Pune

State/District/Nodal Institute
Uttar Pradesh :
Kanpur Distt.—KG Medical College, Lucknow
Kerala:
Thiruvananthapuram Distt.—Mental Health Centre, Tvm.
Thrissur Distt.—Mental Health Centre, Thrissur
West Bengal:
Bankura Distt.—State Mental Health Authority
Gujarat:
Navsari Distt.—Civil Hospital, Navsari
Goa:
South Goa Distt.
Daman & Diu (UT):
UTofDaman&Diu
Mizoram:
Aizawl Distt.—Distt. Hospital, Aizawl (DHS>—NE
Chandigarh (UT)—Distt. Hospital (DHS)
Manipur:
Imphal East Distt.—State Mental Health Authority—NE
Delhi:
Chhatarpur Vill. (BJJRH Jehangir>—IHBAS

Deaths of chained mental patients in Tamil Nadu

3674. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the gruesome deaths of a number of chained mental patients in a fire that broke out recently in an illegally run shelter in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought any report from the Tamil Nadu Government with regard to the incident;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?